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SUBJ: FURTHER INFORMATION COVERING TERRORIST ATTACKS

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1. DESPITE A LOCAL NEWS BLACKOUT, TERRORIST ATTACKS WHICH OCCURRED IN PUNTA DEL ESTE JAN 11 CONTINUE TO BE A SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION HERE. USIS PRESS SOURCES, HOWEVER, PROVIDED MISSION WITH FURTHER DETAILS ON THESE EVENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN COORDINATED ATTACKS ON FOUR LOCATIONS: THE ZORBA NIGHTCLUB, SAN RAFAEL CASINO-HOTEL, THE YACHT BASIN, AND THE ARCO BALENO HOTEL. THE SAN RAFAEL, HOWEVER, ESCAPED DAMAGE AS THE BOMB THERE DID NOT GO OFF. A SOURCE STAYING AT THE ARCO BALENO SAID THE ATTACKERS USED A BAZOOKA.

3. THE ATTACKS RAISED SUSPICIONS ABOUT A FOREST FIRE WHICH RAGED THE DAY BEFORE IN THE SAME AREA, THREATENING MANY  
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LUXURIOUS HOMES. IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT GASOLINE CANS

WERE FOUND IN THE WOODS, LEADING TO SPECULATION THAT THE FIRE WAS ALSO THE WORK OF TERRORISTS.

4. FINALLY, A HUGE FIRE OCCURRED AT THE FUNSA (FIRESTONE) TIRE FACTORY IN MONTEVIDEO ON THE SAME WEEK END. THIS FIRE AND THE FOREST FIRE WERE WIDELY COVERED IN THE MEDIA, BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS REGARDING THE ORIGINS OF EITHER. (COMMENT: FUNSA WAS KNOWN AT ONE TIME AS A HOT BED OF TUPAMARO ACTIVITY. THE WORKERS' UNION IS ANARCHIST WITH A LONG HISTORY OF VILOENCE.)

5. COMMENT: WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OR MOTIVES OF THE ATTACKERS. ONE USIS SOURCE, HOWEVER, SAID NEWSPAPERS RECEIVED CALLS TERMING THE INCIDENTS "OPERATION AURORA", THE SAMENAME USED BY TUPAMAROS FOR THE "HOT SUMMER" FIVE YEARS AGO. THE TERRORISTS CLAIMED TO REPRESENT THE "MANOS DEL PUEBLO." AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE HEAVY IN PUNTA DEL ESTE AND ON ROADS LEADING OUT OF THE AREA. WE UNDERSTAND NUMEROUS ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE. THE ARRESTS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PART OF A DRAGNET OPERATION RATHER THAN BEING BASED ON ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE TERRORISTS OR THEIR GROUP.  
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